



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg, the Nebraska State Patrol announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Brandon Reynolds was sentenced to 151 months imprisonment by the Honorable Laurie Smith Camp, United States District Judge, following his conviction for Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute more than 500 grams of Methamphetamine. Reynolds was ordered to serve 5 years of supervised release following his release from incarceration and pay a \$100 Special Assessment.

On March 27, 2009, a trooper with the Nebraska State Patrol was monitoring a suspected drug house in Buffalo County, NE, when he observed two vehicles leave the house and decided to follow them. The trooper utilized his radar gun and clocked both cars doing 57 mph in a 50 mph zone. The trooper caught up to the cars and activated his lights. Both cars initially pulled over, but one of them then speed off before the officer could make contact. The trooper pursued and during the subsequent chase the driver (later identified as Brandon Reynolds) threw a baggie out the window. The pursuing trooper radioed other troopers who went to the location where the bag was thrown and recovered 23.4 grams of methamphetamine, that tested 75% pure.

Reynolds eventually stopped and ran from his car, but was caught after a short foot chase. He was given his Miranda warnings and gave a short statement admitting he had just picked up the methamphetamine which was recovered, and had paid for it the day before. After Reynold's arrest, investigators located five cooperating witnesses who attributed more than 5 kilograms of methamphetamine to Reynolds dating back to August of 2007.

Name of Defendant: Brandon Reynolds

AKA:

AGE: 25

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute more than 500 grams of Methamphetamine, 10 years to life imprisonment, \$4,000,000 fine, 5 years supervised release, and \$100 Special Assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Buffalo County, Ne.

Location of Arrest: Buffalo County, Ne.

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: Over 5 kilograms of methamphetamine.

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: August 2007 through March 27, 2009

Federal Arrest Date: September 3, 2009

Date Complaint Issued: N/A

Indictment Returned Date: August 19, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: September 3, 2009

Plea Date(s): December 10, 2009

Sentencing Date: March 15, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: F.A. Gossett

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: In custody since November 12, 2009, for violating conditions of pre-trial release.

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: Laurie Smith Camp

Initials of Assigned AUSA/Preparer of THIS Release: TJK